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GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE TO ASPIRING WRITERS

Published author helps with writing skills

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Amy K. Nichols, author of "Now That You're Here and While You Were Gone", is taking up residence at Glendale's Main Library through May to share her expertise and help novice writers hone their skills and become published authors.

As part of Glendale Public Library's Writers in Residence Program, Nichols will be conducting several workshops and offering one-on-one guidance sessions with aspiring writers. "Many people dream of being published, but don't know where to start or think somehow such a goal isn't possible for them. This program brings published and aspiring authors together with the goal of helping people write the stories only they can tell," said Nichols.

Upcoming workshops include two teen writing programs, "Build a Fantasy Story" on March 21 and "Flash Fiction" on May 16 and a series of three adult writing workshops entitled "The Road to Publication" slated for March through May.

"The Writer in Residence Program is a great chance for authors to meet and work with their fans and for our library users to better visualize *themselves* as writers. It not only inspires writers to write, it provides practical tools and information to help them get their stories out into the world," said Kearsten LaBrozzi, Glendale Teen Librarian.

Nichols' open office hours and one-on-one meetings with aspiring writers will be held 2-4 p.m. most Monday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

The Writers in Residence Program is supported by Arizona State Library, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information about Writers in Residence or other Glendale Public Library programs, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

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